

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 78, "Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments limit coverage of blood glucose monitors and test strips to those produced by manufacturers who have contracted with the Department to provide a rebate for monitors and test strips provided through the Medicaid program. The Department is directed to collect supplemental rebates for diabetic supplies by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2425, section 9(18). Prior authorization is required for Medicaid members for whom a monitor or test strips from another manufacturer are medically necessary.

The amendments also make numerous technical changes to update Medicaid terminology.

The restriction on the choice of equipment and supplies may be waived with prior authorization from the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise.

Notice of Intended Action on these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 19, 2008, as **ARC 7369B**.

The Department received three comments on the Notice of Intended Action. Commenters were concerned that the rules would limit access to equipment that was most appropriate to members' individual needs, and that treatment of diabetes patients would suffer if patients were required to change to different equipment. The Department believes that the variety of equipment that will be available will meet most members' needs and that the prior authorization process will serve to address needs that are not met by the selected brands and models.

These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted these amendments on January 14, 2009.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

These amendments shall become effective on April 1, 2009.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [78.6, 78.9, 78.10, 78.28] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 7369B**, IAB 11/19/08.

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